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### REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The Examiner further noted that claims 2, 8, 11, 15, 18 and 20 are objected to and that claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17 and 19 stand rejected. By this response claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 17 and 19 are cancelled and claims 2, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18 and 20 are amended.

In view of the above amendments and the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

#### Rejections

##### **A. 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 7, 10, 14, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bertin (U.S. Patent 5,600,638).

The Applicants have herein cancelled claims 1, 7, 10, 14 and 17 and have amended and rewritten claims 2, 8, 11, 15 and 18 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims as suggested by the Examiner to place claims 2, 8, 11, 15 and 18 in allowable form.

As such, the Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claims 2, 8, 11, 15 and 18 are patentable over Bertin, as conceded by the Examiner, and are now in allowable form.

##### **B. 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 7, 10, 14, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cain et al. (U.S. Patent 4,905,233, hereinafter "Cain").

The Applicants have herein cancelled claims 1, 7, 10, 14 and 17 and have amended and rewritten claims 2, 8, 11, 15 and 18 in independent form including

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all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims as suggested by the Examiner to place claims 2, 8, 11, 15 and 18 in allowable form.

As such, the Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claims 2, 8, 11, 15 and 18 are patentable over Cain, as conceded by the Examiner, and are now in allowable form.

### **C. 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 13-14, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daley et al. (U.S. Patent 6,256,309, hereinafter "Daley") in view of by Bertin (U.S. Patent 5,600,638).

The Applicants have herein cancelled claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 17 and 19 and have amended and rewritten claims 2, 8, 11, 15, 18 and 20 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims as suggested by the Examiner to place claims 2, 8, 11, 15, 18 and 20 in allowable form.

As such, the Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claims 2, 8, 11, 15, 18 and 20 are patentable over Daley in view of Bertin, as conceded by the Examiner, and are now in allowable form.

Furthermore, Independent claims 6 and 13 depend directly from amended, allowable independent claims 2 and 11, respectively, and recite additional features thereof. As such, and at least because claims 2 and 11 are patentable over Daley in view of Bertin as conceded by the Examiner, the Applicants further respectfully submit that claims 6 and 13, which depend from allowable claims 2 and 11, are also patentable over Daley in view of Bertin and are now in allowable form.

### **Allowable Claims**

The Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out allowable subject matter and have complied with the Examiner's suggestions for placing the Applicants' claims in allowable form.

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### Conclusion

Thus the Applicants submit that none of the claims, presently in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or obvious under the provision of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Jorge Tony Villabon, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 x1131 or Eamon J. Wall, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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